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Original and partial copy of a questionnaire on the production means and capacity as of 1 October 1948 of the Organa VVB (Z) Fahlberg-List Chemical and Pharmaceutical Plant at 60/63 Alt-Salbke in Magdeburg-Suedost (M 53/Y 60) are attached.

The questionnaire was signed on 16 December 1948.

1. Management of the plant:

Manager: E. Kauffold
Official in charge: Kaps-Conetabel

2. Number of personnel on 1 October 1948: 1,480

Of whom:

Workmen: 1,149

Personnel employed in:

Daytime shift: 1,341
Evening shift: 71 persons
Night shift: 69 persons

3. Built-up area: 65,043 sq.m.

Open-air storage area: 12,800 sq.m.

remaining plant area (yards,
roads, track installation,
harbor installation, etc.)

146,896 sq.m.
224,739 sq.m.

4. Production

a. Total value of production from 1 October 1947
to 30 September 1948: 15,076,912 east marks

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b. **Actual** production and capacity from 1 October 1947
to 30 September 1948:

No of the goods list	Product	Unit	Actual annual production Amount	Value (east- marks)	Annual capacity of the plant Amount	Value (east- marks)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
13014	sulphuric acid	tons SO ₃	11,019	917,777	17,000	1,598,250
13039	potassium metabi- sulfite	tons	132.9	86,385	240	156,000
13039	chloric sul- phonic acid	tons	1,844.5	368,900	2,340	528,000
13211	superphos- phate	tons P ₂ O ₅	4,038.9	1,566,285	7,200	2,792,160
13363	saccharin (calculated on crystal basis)	kg	232,710	6,386,462	312,000	8,074,560
13433	lacquer plastics	tons	87.7	191,480	180	376,200
13652/53	lacquer paints	tons	186.5	555,625	240	660,000
13890	seed dressing "Cernisan"	tons	1,064.5	2,621,235	1,080	2,910,000
13890	lime arsenic spraying agent	tons	344.6	344,619	480	460,800
23136	mercury compound	kg	24,659	242,609	104,400	963,120
23189	medical oint- ments (mer- cury and sul- phuric oint- ments)	kg	8,123	31,980	60,000	237,000
23251	chloramine	kg	182,664	374,965	270,000	559,500
23351	X-ray contrast compound	kg	120,024	129,619	174,000	282,600
23351	Arsaninol (neo-salvarsan)	kg	14	29,400	96	201,600
X	remaining products		X	1,150,421	X	4,071,588
X	Total	X	X	14,997,762	X	23,671,378

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Comment:

- a. The attached German original document is a production and installation report of the plant to the Statistical Central Office, Department III of the German Economic Commission in Berlin. Only the production is indicated in the questionnaire while detailed information on the machinery of the different production departments are given in the attached German original report.
- b. The plant is an enterprise of the VVB (Z) Organa and has the Plant No 41-311-1000.
- c. The plant is one of the four largest sulphuric acid plants in the Soviet Zone of Germany. The annual sulphuric acid production capacity indicated in this report at 17,000 tons for 1947/1948 has increased to about 25,000 tons. A sulphuric acid production of 2,000 tons was reported for October 1949. The pyrites required for this production are mainly supplied from abroad. The plant received a total of 48,000 tons of pyrites from Norway, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia during the first quarter of 1948.
- d. The plant is the main Soviet Zone of Germany enterprise for saccharine production. It also started the production of salvarsan in 1948 (see para 4b of the report - 14 kg of neo-salvarsan).
- e. During the war the plant mainly produced sulfur trioxide-chlor-sulfonic acid solution.
- 1 Annex: questionnaire on the production means and capacity of the Organa VVB (Z) Fahlberg-List Chemical and Pharmaceutical Plant

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